



# Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary School

NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 1 2014

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAY

#### FRIDAY 2 MAY

- ⇒ Year 5 excursion to IMAX

#### SATURDAY 3 MAY

- ⇒ Craft Market & Antique Valuations Fair @ OLQP

#### SUNDAY 4 MAY

- ⇒ OLQP Parish Children's Mass @ 10am

#### TUESDAY 6 MAY

- ⇒ **OPEN DAY**  
**9:30 to 11am and 11:30 to 1pm**

- ⇒ Diocesan Cross Country

#### WEDNESDAY 7 MAY

- ⇒ Mother's Day Stall 8:30am to 9:30am. Gifts ranging from \$1 to \$15. Helpers needed urgently!!!

#### FRIDAY 9 MAY

- ⇒ Mothers Day Liturgy @ 9am

#### MONDAY 12 MAY

- ⇒ Winter Uniform change over

#### TUESDAY 13 MAY

- ⇒ NAPLAN starts: Spelling

#### WEDNESDAY 14 MAY

- ⇒ NAPLAN : Reading
- ⇒ P&F Meeting @ 7:30pm in the Library

#### THURSDAY 15 MAY

- ⇒ NAPLAN: Numeracy

#### FRIDAY 16 MAY

- ⇒ Mufti Day — Gold coin donation
- ⇒ Year 2 incursion CSIRO
- ⇒ Infants Dance Fever Disco and Sausage Sizzle starting @ 3:30pm



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students, parents and teachers,

Welcome to Term 2. I hope everyone had a chance to rest and celebrate Easter together. Easter is the focus for our faith as we recognise Christ overcoming death and offering new life to us all.

*"If Jesus is risen, then - and only then - has something truly new happened, something that changes the state of humanity and the world." (Pope Francis)*

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of Mrs Gavin's father. Some of the staff attended his funeral on Monday in support of Mrs Gavin and her family. I know you will join with me in praying for them at this difficult time. Mrs Gavin will return to us next week.

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2015 and we have begun the interviewing process. Enrolments close on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May and any applications received after this date will be placed on a waiting list. If you have a child of school age or know of someone who does, please contact the school and ask for an enrolment form. Alternatively you can download a form from our website.

The Parish Craft show will be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. This is a great opportunity to support our local Parish Community. I hope that lots of families will attend (For more information see the following pages).

An important reminder that the last day of this term – 27<sup>th</sup> June, will be a pupil free day. Our staff will be involved in a spirituality day as part of our professional development.

Our next School Mass in the Parish will be held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00am. I hope that lots of our families will be able to attend as our children have been invited to participate in the choir, greeters, collectors, readers and the offertory procession. This is a great way to enhance our Parish community.

This year the official date for wearing the school winter uniform will be Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May. It will be important that the children are all in the winter uniform as we will be having our school photos taken the following week on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Just a reminder also that running shoes, worn on sports days, need to be predominantly white.

Some reminder letters have been sent home to families and I really appreciate the quick response to this uniform requirement. Wearing brightly coloured shoes can often lead to the wearing of wrist bands and coloured hair bands and other non-uniform items being worn. I would ask that all students are wearing the correct shoes by Term 2. If we are to have a uniform I believe we need to be true to its purpose - to establish in our students, a sense of readiness for learning and pride in their school. Sports shoes can be purchased from the uniform shop.

During the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> May the students from Years 3 and 5 will be engaged in NAPLAN testing. This is always seen an opportunity to look at one form of assessment and use the information to support our learning programs. It is not an assessment of the whole school but an opportunity for parents and teachers to analyse the progress of these two groups so far. I encourage all our Year 3 and Year 5 students to do their best.

Next week the Mothers Day stall will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. The children will have the opportunity to purchase gifts for their mothers. We will also be having a special Mothers Day liturgy on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00am in the playground. All parents are welcome to attend –especially our mums !

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May we will be having a mufti day for the whole school and an Infants (Kinder to Year 2 students) Disco. Our mufti day will be held to raise money for our fete. We ask parents to donate a gold coin so that we can begin purchasing items and booking rides for our fete in September. The infants Disco will be a great opportunity for the children to enjoy some music and the parents to meet in our main playground area.

Have a great week

***Michael Hopley***

***Principal***

## READING WITH YOUR CHILD



“Sounding it out does not work very often!”

This is what we often hear adults tell children ... but how helpful is it? It seems to me that “sounding out” relies on already being able to read the word ... or at the very least on knowing multiple sounds for letters and letter-combinations! Have a go at “sounding out” some of these words in this text ... e.g., “w-h-a-t” ... does it “say” what if you don’t already know the ‘wh’ combination and the ‘a’ making a ‘short o’ sound?

**Help your child to work out words they can’t read straight away by pausing, prompting and praising while they read:**

**Pause** to give your child *time* to work out the word

**Prompt** your child to help them work out the word by:

- looking at the first letter and thinking about a word that starts with that letter that might make sense
- looking for a clue in the picture that matches the starting letter/sound
- going back to the beginning of the sentence to try again
- reading past the difficult word to the end of the sentence and then thinking about a word that matches the starting letter/sound that might make sense
- thinking about another word that looks similar (might help them work it out)
- looking for smaller words or sounds they know within the word (eg, knowing the *tr* sound might enable them to work out *train*; knowing the words *it* and *ten* might help them work out *kitten* (k-i-t-ten))

When your child suggests a word, ask them:

- Does (*the word suggested*) make sense?
- Does (*the word suggested*) sound right?
- Does (*the word suggested*) look right?

Don’t spend too long on trying to work out a word – if they can’t work it out, tell them and move on

**Praise** your child for trying - even if mistakes are made

## PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Thank you to all parents who have expressed an interest in their child/children taking part in the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2014. Anyone who logged into the site provided <http://tinyurl.com/oywm6v8> and filled in the required details should have received a new password for their child across the holiday period via email (there were one or two email addresses that returned undelivered emails – notes have been sent home with those students this week). Parents who returned slips to the office should also have received new passwords by now. If your child would like to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge but does not have their new password please go to the above mentioned site and fill in the form so that I can provide you with your child’s new password. Thank you.

## LITERACY WORKSHOPS

Due to the limited number of responses we have had at this point we will postpone parent workshops until a later date in the year.

## MINDQUEST Enrichment Weekend

NSW Talent Centre P/L has provided the school with flyers regarding its enrichment weekend (now in its fifteenth year of operation) to be held at Glenwood High School on the weekend of 14/15 June, 2014. Mindquest offers a range of courses for students from Y1 to Y6. If you are interested in finding out more about this enrichment weekend please collect a form from the school office (limited number of forms and places available). Cost of the program is \$175.

## MUSIC NEWS:

On Thursday, May 8 there will be a **Musica Viva** performance at school for grades 4 to 6 by the ensemble -

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The group will introduce the children to the real world of jazz and great jazz musicians, where improvisation, composition and syncopation are the key to music making. The students will discover how jazz is influenced by different cultures including the Australian rainforest and Argentinean tango and be involved in the hands-on process of creating music as they explore a range of jazz styles from Dixieland to modern jazz.

This performance is part of our school's music program and builds on preparatory work done in the classroom.

We would be delighted if you could come to the performance. There is no charge for parents/guardians and community members.

Performances will be held in the library.

**Concert 1: 10am – 4C, 4R, Year 6    Concert 2: 11.45am – 4P, 4V, Year 5**

For more information on **Musica Viva** concerts and related activities around Australia and internationally, visit [musica.viva.com.au/education](http://musica.viva.com.au/education)



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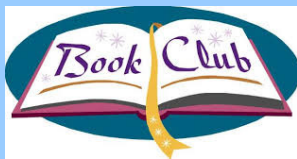
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**HAS ARRIVED.....**

**All orders must be in by Wednesday 7 May**



***SAVE THE DATE.....***

***OLQP School Fete will be on Saturday 13th September***



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr and Mrs Haddad, Christian (2S) and Marcus (KM) on the arrival of their new baby girl  
**ISABELLA**

### TERM 2 FEES

Will be sent out on Wednesday 7 May. Should you require a payment arrangement or if you have not received a statement by Friday 9 May, please contact Mrs Nicole Buhagiar in the school office on: 9631 1500.

## OLQP UNIFORM SHOP

Attention Parents,

Winter uniforms are now available from the Uniform Shop.

**Normal Trading Hours:**

**Thursdays 8:30am to 10am**

**Saturdays 8:30am to 10am**

**FOR ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT:**

**Elle: 0421 216 414**





Will be held on Wednesday 7th May from 8:30am to 9:30am in the de-mountable near the year 5 classrooms. Gifts will range in price from \$1 to \$15.

## MUFTI GOLD COIN DONATION

Passive Play Area—Fundraiser. Bring in a \$2 coin and dress in mufti to show your support!!!



## INFANTS DANCE FEVER DISCO AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE FRIDAY 16th MAY

ENTRY FEE: \$5 per child (younger & older siblings are welcome to attend)

START TIME: 3:30PM

FINISH TIME: 5:45PM

VENUE: Area A Playground

Don't forget to fill out an entry form available from the school office !!!

Thank you for your continued support

*Melissa Cini*

*P&F President OLQP*

## CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2 2014

			THURSDAY 1 MAY	FRIDAY 2 MAY
			Liz Cusbert Susan Kizana Theresa Kazzi	Amanda Heimann Wilma Paolini Joanne Lee Julie Rush Julie Meredith
MONDAY 5 MAY	TUESDAY 6 MAY	WEDNESDAY 7 MAY	THURSDAY 8 MAY	FRIDAY 9 MAY
Nicole Dennis Margaret Elcham Vivianne Russell	Margurite O'Connor Kim Nuner	Sandra Wilson Alison Tsalikis Cynthia La Rosa	Rebecca Simari Faye Abdel-Ahad Teresa Rota Cara Pedavoli	Mary Sarafoglou Kristine Mercuri Amy Hill Liz Scott Allison Sorensen
MONDAY 12 MAY	TUESDAY 13 MAY	WEDNESDAY 14 MAY	THURSDAY 15 MAY	FRIDAY 16 MAY
Sandra Merrick Rosa Petrocchio Sonia Amus	Maree Callaghan Eleanor D'Souza Diane Galea Anne David	Rebecca Bezzina Kalyn Wong	Deborah Terracciano Miriam Gibson Melissa D'Angola Lisa Gladdish	Carol Sioufi Effie Bonovas Maggie Sabbagh Gaye Dennis Alison Sigmund Vicki Youisph



## TERM 2 MEAL DEALS....

MEAL DEAL TO START THIS TERM WILL BE LEB PIZZA DEAL STARTING NEXT MONDAY ALL CLASSES WILL GET A TURN PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR THE FLYERS COMING HOME EACH WEEK LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

BIRTHDAY BUCKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE THIS TERM BUT 1 WEEKS NOTICE IS REQUIRED PLEASE SEE KIM IN THE CANTEEN TO PLACE AN ORDER.

KINDER CAN COME TO THE CANTEEN FROM THIS TERM AT LUNCH TIME ONLY. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM SENDING YOUR CHILD WITH NOTES, \$2 IS ENOUGH TO PURCHASE ANY SINGLE ITEM.

MC CAINS PIZZA'S ARE ALSO AVAILABLE: HAM & PINEAPPLE / CHEESE & BACON THESE CAN BE ORDERED ANY DAY UNTIL THEY RUN OUT!!!

I ASK PARENTS TO PLEASE DISCOURAGE YOU CHILD FROM PURCHASING FOR THEIR FRIENDS, CHILDREN SHOULD BE BRING LARGE NOTES TO SCHOOL.

## ICE BLOCK BIRTHDAY BUCKETS

The canteens birthday buckets have been a great success....

These will continue next term however some **WINTER BUCKET OPTIONS** will be available, These winter options must be pre-ordered 1 week in advance. **Birthday Buckets** are a great alternative to cup cakes, they are a great for children with allergies and they are fuss free—just pre order from the canteen and Kim will deliver them to your child's classroom where they can hand them out to their classmates.

There are **2** additional WINTER options available:

\* **Jelly Cups with a treat**

\* **Chocolate Crackles**

The buckets will have a special birthday message for the Birthday Girl or Boy but the buckets must be returned to the canteen.

If you would like to order a Birthday Bucket for your child/children please see **Kim** in the canteen.





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# FIRE STATION OPEN DAY

Sat 17 May  
10am - 2pm

Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its Annual Open Day on Saturday 17 May 2014 between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

Children and their parents are invited to watch fire safety demonstrations, hop aboard our station's fire truck, hold a fire hose and get an information bag while chatting with fire-fighters about what they do.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local fire-fighters and learn about fire safety in the home.

Winter is just around the corner and it's the worst time of the year for house fires, so this is a great opportunity to learn as much as you can about home fire safety.

Don't leave fire safety to chance this winter – click on this link - [2014 Open Day Participating Stations](#) to find your local Fire Station and join us on Saturday 17 May 2014.

**As a special feature there will be a Vintage car display**



# CRAFT MARKET & ANTIQUE VALUATIONS

**Saturday 3 May**

**8am - 2pm**

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- Home-made chocolate
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- Doggie treats
- Plants
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Come and join us in Camilleri Hall for our popular Mother's Day Craft Market and Antique Valuations! Funds raised go to the Salem Association who aid under privileged children in the Parish of Komarapalayam, India with education.

You will find gifts for Mother's Day and much more; enjoy a Devonshire tea, and sausage sizzle by the 1<sup>ST</sup> Greystanes Scout Group, Vintage car display and a vehicle from Parramatta Speedway available for photos.

Ken Buxton from 2UE will be there to evaluate your antiques, from 9am. Bring along your family heirlooms, collectables, Military items, stamps and paintings to be valued by professionals. A photo of the painting and artist's name will do. Cost \$5 per item.

There is plenty of parking and entry is free.

It's going to be a great day so bring the whole family and your friends.

We hope that you can join us and support under privileged children gain an education.





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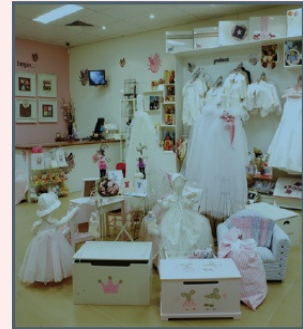
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